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SEIZURE OF NARCOTICS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi has become a major drug transit point;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)recovered two tonnes of hashish meant to be shipped to the USA value about Rs.120 crore recently;

(d) if so, the details of the seizure;

(e) whether some police officials arrested for drug trafficking during the last three years;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) steps taken to tackle this menace?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b)The proximity to the International border and good air-linkage with other countries make Delhi vulnerable to drug trafficking, which is a clandestine activity.

(c) & (d)The officers of Central Excise, Moradabad, on the basis of tip off from Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, seized 2095.5 kg. of Hashish at Moradabad on 7th/8th August, 2001. They also seized a mini bus used for transport of this consignment from Nepal to Moradabd, a packing machine used for packing of drugs and three persons involved in this case.

(e) & (f)Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(g) Government of India has already taken a number of significant steps to prevent and put effective check on drug trafficking. These include instructions to all drug enforcement agencies to maintain utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts, training to officers, fencing of Indo-Pak border provided with flood lighting, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act, quarterly coordination meetings by NCB, holding of quarterly cross-border meetings of Indian and Pakistani anti-narcotics agencies as a part of the border meetings of BSF and Pak Rangers, holding of operational level meetings with Myanmar officials and providing two sniffer dogs and also training dog handlers of Myanmar.